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1. WE HAVE HELD OFF MAKING ANY QUERIES IN CONNECTION WITH REFTEL TO SEE WHETHER FRG OFFICIALS WOULD, ON THEIR OWN, MAKE CONNECTION BETWEEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S STATEMENT AT JUNE 26 NAC PLEENARY AND COORDINATION PROCESS WITH NATO.

2. HAVING HEARD NOTHING ALONG THESE LINES, ECON/COM MIN HAS DISCREETLY MENTIONED THE MATTER TO FON MIN ECONOMIC DIRECTOR HERMES. HERMES SAID THAT WHILE THE MATTERS DISCUSSED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN HIS STATEMENT ARE IN THE FRONT OF THE CHANCELLOR'S MIND AND ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO NATO, THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHANCELLOR INTENDED HIS SPEECH AS AN INITIATIVE AIMED AT ALTERING EXISITING COORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ECONOMICS FIELD. HILLENBRAND

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